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In re application of)
Guillaume RIBADEAU-DUMAS et al.)
Serial No.09/305,178) Art Unit : 1761
Filed: May 4, 1999) Examiner :P. DUBOIS
FOR : A SWEETENING COMPOSITION AND ITS USES

AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir :

The Representatives of the Assignee acknowledge with thanks the courtesy extended to them by the Examiners to hold an interview. The Assignee respectfully submits the present amendment, in accordance with the interview held on May 4th, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete without prejudice claims 25 to 30 and substitute therefor new claims 31 to 38 as follows:

- ① -- 31. (New) A boiled sugar composition comprising:
- a) at least one soluble compound with a solubility in water of less than 60 g per 100 g of solution at 20°C selected from the group consisting of trehalose, lactose, mannose, maltose, erythritol, mannitol, glucopyranosido-1,6-mannitol and lactitol and
- b) at least one anti-crystallizing agent comprising a fraction of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of pyrodextrins with a molecular weight in the range of 4000 to 5000 daltons
- whereby the boiled sugar composition is stabilized against humidity by microcrystallized surface layer.

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